

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 imposed by the Examiner, Applicant elects claims 1-19 drawn to a process of forming a thin film stack and ARC layer, classified in class 428, subclass 29. Claims 20-30 are cancelled without prejudice. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-30 were pending. As such, claims 1-19 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

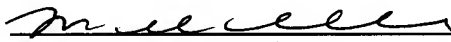
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Michael A. Bernadicou at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully Submitted,
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